

Finance Committee Minutes

February 23rd 2012

The minutes were distributed at 7:01PM, the meeting was called to order with Mr. David Herrick presiding, present were Ms. Pat Mielke, Mr. Bill Hattendorf, Mrs. Prudence Spaulding, guests included Mr. Michael Skorput, and Mr. Peter Marks.

The minutes for February 16th were approved as read, Ms. Mielke 1st, Mr. Hattendorf 2nd passed unanimously. The committee began to review the following budgets:-

Police Expenses [60210.99] (\$17,715) now requesting {\$17,900} Ms. Spaulding reminded the group that when this budget had been discussed, it was decided that the requested increase would be used by the increase cost of fuel. Mrs. Spaulding 1st, Mr. Herrick 2nd passed unanimously.

Police Salaries [60210.04] (\$54,060) now requesting {\$74,576} put on HOLD as it is salaries.

Roads and Bridges Salaries [20422.03] (\$237,629) now requesting {\$244,929.24} put on HOLD as it is salaries.

Roads and Bridges [20422.05] (\$187,000) level funded {\$187,000}, Mrs. Spaulding 1st, Mr. Hattendorf 2nd passed unanimously.

Highway Department Training Expense [20422.07] (\$1,000) now requesting {\$1,200}, when asked Mr. Marks stated that the costs for alcohol testing had increased. Mr. Herrick 1st, Mr. Hattendorf 2nd passed unanimously.

Propane [20422.18] (\$16,000) now requesting {\$16,000}. The group discussed the requested amount and decided that the requested amount should be raised by \$2,000 making the new requested amount {\$18,000}, Ms. Mielke 1st, Mr. Hattendorf 2nd passed unanimously.

Diesel [20422.19] (\$50,000) now requesting {\$52,000}, Mr. Hattendorf 1st, Mrs. Spaulding 2nd passed unanimously.

Highway Uniforms and Gear [20422.78] (\$2,000) level funded {\$2,000} Mr. Hattendorf asked what this provided for the workers, Mr. Marks stated that this provided t-shirts, regular shirts, sweat shirts and safety shoes. Mrs. Spaulding 1st, Mr. Herrick 2nd passed unanimously.

Winter Roads [20423.02] (\$233,675) level funded {\$233,675} there was some question about the included "Maintenance Salary" item of \$42,190, which was originally thought to be payment for the individual contractors, but Mr. Marks stated that this amount was set aside for "overtime". Mr. Hattendorf 1st, Mr. Herrick 2nd passed unanimously.

Town Garage Maintenance [20425.00] (\$9,000) level funded {\$9,000}, Mr. Herrick 1st, Mr. Hattendorf 2nd passed unanimously.

Machinery Expense [20428.00] (\$62,790) now requesting {\$64,046}, Mrs. Spaulding 1st, Mr. Hattendorf 2nd passed unanimously.

Tax Collector's Expense [10147.99] (\$4,200) level funded {\$4,200} Mrs. Spaulding questioned this level funding as the town is anticipating going to quarterly billing which will increase the expenses. Mr. Skorput reviewed the current expenses in that account and stated that he thought that there would be enough money to cover the added costs of the quarterly billing. Mrs. Spaulding 1st, Mr. Hattendorf 2nd passed unanimously.

Tax Title [10148.00] (#1,500) now requesting {\$3,000} Mr. Hattendorf asked what this account pays for, Ms. Mielke stated that this covers the cost of obtaining the title for properties that have not had their taxes paid, and paying for advertising. This is a very expensive performance. Mrs. Spaulding 1st, Mr. Hattendorf 2nd passed unanimously.

Tax Computer Service [10146.02] (\$6,500) level funded {\$6,500}, Mr. Hattendorf 1st, Mr. Herrick 2nd passed unanimously.

Animal Control Officer's Expense [60293.78] (\$1,387) now requesting {\$1,470} Mr. Skorput reminded the group that this was an assessment for the medical insurance for our Animal Control Officer, and was based upon population (26%) of the total population that he serves. Mrs. Spaulding 1st, Mr. Hattendorf 2nd passed unanimously.

Transfer Station Expenses [70519.03] (\$70,000) level funded {\$70,000} Mrs. Spaulding 1st, Mr. Hattendorf 2nd passed unanimously.

SBRSD Operating and Transportation [30000.01] (\$2,265,079) now requesting {\$2,311,165} put on HOLD as the SBRSD has not finalized its budget.

SBRSD Capital Expense [30001.00] (\$25,806) now requesting {\$88,916} again put on HOLD as the SBRSD has not finalized its budget.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:46PM. The next meeting will be held on Thursday March 1st at 7:00PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Prudence Spaulding, Secretary.